



Sailors Sail On Unbeaten as Loh Kean Yew Bows Out at Asia Championships: Singapore Sports Round-Up

Description

From the Singapore Premier League's title race to Loh Kean Yew's spirited run at the Badminton Asia Championships, it has been an action-packed fortnight for Singapore sports. Here is your complete round-up of the latest results and storylines making headlines across the Lion City.

Singapore Premier League: Lion City Sailors Continue Imperious Unbeaten Run

Lion City Sailors continue to dominate the 2025/26 Singapore Premier League season with an extraordinary unbeaten record. The defending champions sit comfortably atop the standings with 41 points from 15 matches - 13 wins and two draws - boasting a remarkable goal difference of +51 after scoring 59 goals and conceding just eight.



Football action continues in the Singapore Premier League 2026 season. Image credit: Pixabay

With six matches remaining, the Sailors hold a five-point cushion over second-placed BG Tampines Rovers, who have also enjoyed an impressive campaign with 36 points from 15 outings (11 wins, three draws, one loss). Tampines's firepower has been evident throughout, and they underlined that with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Geylang International on 11 April at Our Tampines Hub – a seven-goal thriller that showcased the attacking quality on offer in the SPL this term.

Albirex Niigata FC (S) occupy third place on 29 points from 14 matches, while Balestier Khalsa have quietly put together a strong season in fourth with 23 points from 15 games, including seven victories.

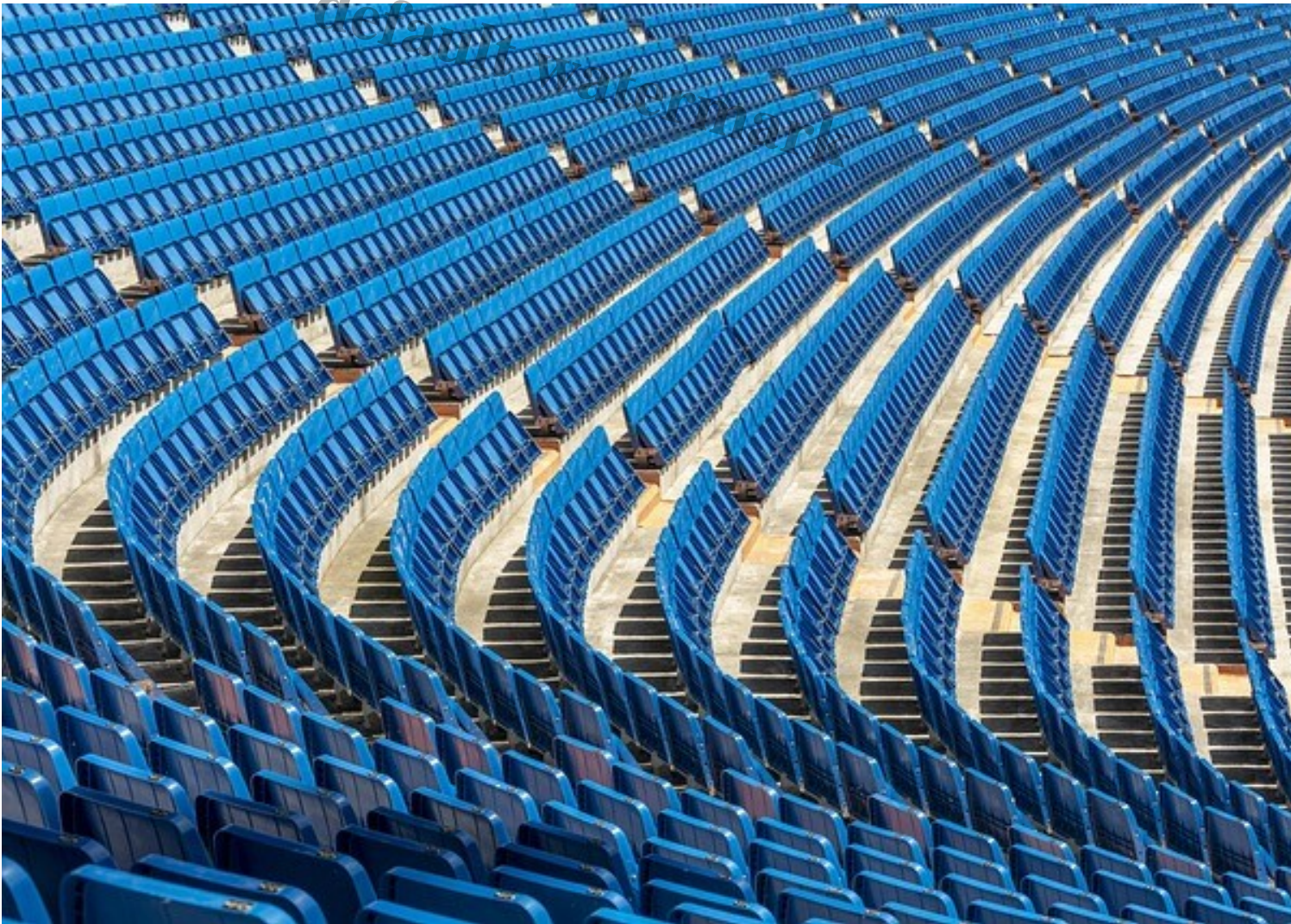
SPL Standings (as of 12 April 2026)

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Lion City Sailors	15	13	2	0	+51	41

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2	BG Tampines Rovers	15	11	3	1	+28	36
3	Albirex Niigata (S)	14	9	2	3	+14	29
4	Balestier Khalsa	15	7	2	6	â??	23

Recent Results

The past week saw some entertaining encounters across the league. Albirex Niigata edged BG Tampines Rovers 3-2 on 4 April, proving the title challengers are not invincible. The Young Lions suffered a 0-2 defeat to Balestier Khalsa on 5 April but bounced back with a spirited 1-0 away win against Tanjong Pagar United on 10 April, offering hope for the developmental squadâ??s progress this season.



The SPL 2026 season continues to deliver exciting football. Image credit: Pixabay

With six rounds remaining, the [title race](#) looks increasingly like a two-horse affair between the Sailors and Tampines, though Albirex Niigata with a game in hand will have something to say about that.

Badminton: Loh Kean Yew Falls in Asia Championships Quarter-Finals

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Badminton action at the 2026 Badminton Asia Championships in Ningbo. Image credit: Pixabay

Singapore's badminton star Loh Kean Yew delivered a gutsy performance at the 2026 Badminton Asia Championships in Ningbo, China, before bowing out in the quarter-finals. The 2021 world champion, seeded eighth for the tournament held from 7 to 12 April, battled his way through the early rounds with characteristic determination.

In the round of 16, Loh survived a gruelling three-game encounter against Japan's Watanabe Koki, winning 22-20, 15-21, 21-15 in a match that lasted an exhausting 71 minutes. Earlier in the tournament, he overcame India's former world number one Kidambi Srikanth in another three-game thriller, recovering from dropping the first game to win 18-21, 21-9, 21-11 in 52 minutes.

However, Loh's run came to an end in the quarter-finals against Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-chen, the fourth seed, who proved too strong with a 16-21, 21-12, 21-17 victory. Despite the disappointment, Loh's performances demonstrated that the 28-year-old remains a formidable competitor on the international stage and a genuine medal contender at major tournaments.

The tournament was ultimately dominated by China's Shi Yuqi, who continued his outstanding run of form on home soil. For Loh, attention now turns to the upcoming BWF World Tour events, where he will look to build on the positive signs shown in Ningbo.

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